

Resolution authorizing a one year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory to provide programs, promote community gardens, foster environmental understanding, and to promote travel and tourism (Community Partnerships) (\$375,000)

WHEREAS, Franklin Park Conservatory is one of Ohio's most significant urban parks dedicated to the promotion of environmental appreciation and ecological awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory maintains unique botanical collections which provide lifelong learning opportunities and also extends its reach beyond its boundaries by fostering community gardening and thereby transforming abandoned urban spaces into productive gardens and attractive green spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory has shown marked success at increasing programming capacity, visitation and sustainability while providing quality programming that provides educational opportunities for area residents, draws visitors from across the nation and abroad, helps improve the environment through the County, and improves neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory's Community Garden Campus created, as a part of its Master Plan, contains an apiary and beekeeping program which educates people about the importance of honeybees and other pollinators, encourages entrepreneurial participation in the apicultural industry, and supports agriculture and the green industry throughout Franklin County and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to continue its support of the Conservatory's mission and programs and does so pursuant to Sections 755.16 and 755.18 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List and the attached contract for services between the Franklin Park Conservatory and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the

**Resolution authorizing a one year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory to provide programs, promote community gardens, foster environmental understanding, and to promote travel and tourism
(Community Partnerships) (\$375,000)**

period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$375,000, is hereby approved.

Prepared by Kate Matheny

Cc: Auditor

Franklin Park Conservatory